

BCH of NV
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER MINUTES
December 4 2010

Minutes Regular Meeting, Residence of Sabine McCowen, Sparks, NV

President: Elaine Anagnostou
VP: Ed Acosta
Secretary: Sabine McCowen
Treasurer: Jan Koval (not present)
Director: Jim Dragoo
Director: Debbie Maurer (not present)
Director: Jerry Williams

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. *To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness*
2. *To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.*
3. *To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.*
4. *To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.*
5. *To foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.*

Elaine called the meeting to order at 6:24pm.

Favorite ride January meeting – no volunteer.

Request for Approval of November minutes: Gerry Anagnostou motioned, Jim Dragoo seconded, all in favor.

Committee Reports: none

INFORMATION

1. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation booth (March) – Don Daniel organized a free booth for us. He suggests to staff it Saturday for sure and perhaps also on Friday. The other days would not be needed since there is less foot traffic.
2. Jim Dragoo stated he had contacted the Air Race personnel regarding a BCH booth at the Air Races. The person he spoke with did not offer to either comp a booth or reduce the rate for us as a non-profit group not selling anything. It was decided that the asking price of \$1200 was too much for what we could expect in return.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Elections - Sabine presented the ballot:
President: Elaine Anagnostou
VP: Ed Acosta
Secretary: Sabine McCowen
Treasurer: Jan Koval
Directors: Jim Dragoo, Jerry Williams (incumbent) and Don Daniel
Gerry A. motioned to elect all officers according to the ballot. Unanimously accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Board meeting – January 8 - the first board meeting of 2011 will be held prior to the regular meeting and the state meeting. Main agenda item will be the 2011 calendar, to be presented at the January General Meeting for approval . As with any board meeting, this will

be open to the membership, input is greatly appreciated. The only limit is that a non-board member cannot cast a vote at this meeting. We will meet at Sabine's ranch in Spanish Springs again; the meeting starts at 4pm. Everybody is invited to a ride at noon the day of the meeting, Sabine has some empty pens or tie your horse to your trailer during the meeting.

2. Don mentioned the letter from National asking for additional monies from all members and chapters. He suggested National should just raise the dues instead of asking for extra money. All present agreed and Don was asked to draft a letter for the chapter to send as response on behalf of all of us. Each member is also encouraged to email directly to National.

3. Darlene from Elko had recently suggested holding the state meeting in Winnemucca on January 22. Since most likely only Darlene and her husband are coming from Elko, Jerry suggested that we offer that the Carson and Reno chapters pay for the gas for Darlene and hold the meeting again in Reno. That way only 2 people travel a greater distance rather than 20 or 30 members. Sabine had already previously offered to Darlene that they can stay at her ranch in the guest bedroom so we can reduce the cost further and not have a hotel room to pay for. Elaine will email Darlene with this suggestion.

4. Ed thanked Jerry on behalf of the chapter for his hard work throughout the years. He presented a trailer caddy organizer to hang on the trailer door as well as some much needed lead ropes. Thank you , Jerry, for all you do for the BCH.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm and the party began.

Sabine McCowen
Secretary